



HENEY'S ASSAILANT A SUICIDE

HENEY IS STILL A LIVE MAN

Dastardly Act Will Not Delay Ruel Trial.

DETAILS OF ASSAULT

Injured Man Resting Easy at Hospital, Has Good Chance For Recovery.

BLOOD POISON ONLY FEAR

It is Believed That Haas Deliberately Planned Attack on Heney's Life—Much Exercised Over Prosecutor's Exposure of His Past Life.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—The five surgeons attending Heney after a consultation tonight stated that the patient was resting easy and that his pulse, temperature and respiration were practically normal. The bullet was located in the muscles of the neck. The bone was not shattered, and the doctors say they will remove the piece of lead tomorrow morning.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—The trial of Ruel, which was interrupted by yesterday's shooting will be resumed on Monday. It has been decided that the incident in the courtroom did not prejudice the rights of the defendant, the jury not having been present. An intimation was made today that the defense will ask a change of venue, basing the plea upon the inflamed condition of the public mind, but it is believed that such a request will not be considered by Judge Lawlor. At a conference today between Judge Lawlor, Chief of Police Biggy and Undersheriff Charles Haggerty, preliminary steps were taken to secure the court from further disorder and violence and to safeguard the rights of Ruel. The vicinity of the courtroom will be patrolled and a large force of police will be held in reserve. Suspicious characters will not be allowed in the courtroom where a large force of plain clothes men will be stationed to watch unobtrusively in order to keep the jury in ignorance that precautions have been taken and not to jeopardize the result of the trial. The plans provide further that in the event of any disturbance the defendant may be taken from the courtroom quickly and quietly. It is intimated that Judge Lawlor will exercise his prerogative and continue to keep Ruel in custody during the trial. Precautions have been taken to protect Ruel while he is confined in the county jail. Morris Haas, who attempted to kill Heney is kept in the county jail under guard. No one is allowed access to him except representatives of the district attorney's

office. It is reported that he is in a highly nervous condition. Heney and family received many messages of sympathy and cheer today. They came from all sections of the United States and some from Europe. One telegram which drew a smile from the pain-drawn face of the prosecutor was from Roosevelt to Mrs. Heney.

TRIAL WILL PROCEED.

Calmed by the assurance that Heney, who was shot yesterday in Judge Lawlor's courtroom while in the performance of his duty, will recover from his wound unless some unforeseen condition developed, public opinion was turned today toward the formulation of a concrete expression of determination to continue with the trial pending indictments for alleged municipal corruption in the prosecution of which Heney is the dominant character. Several leading attorneys of this city have volunteered to take up Heney's work as a matter of public duty and carry it to a conclusion.

LAWLOR HAD PREMONITION.

It developed today that Judge Lawlor had a premonition that some untoward incident might mar the trial and that he was contemplating the placing of Ruel under special surveillance until next Monday or ordering him into the custody of the sheriff and that the actual purpose of the conference in his chambers with Heney, Ach and Dozier a few minutes before the shooting was to inform Ruel's counsel of his intention. Lawlor suggested that Ruel's sureties select some man satisfactory to the court to be in constant attendance upon Ruel and to be responsible for his appearance; but at the same time it was to be understood that this did not relieve his bondsmen of any responsibility. Lawlor then asked the attorneys to look up the law on the question and submit their opinions to him on Monday. A few minutes later the tragedy was enacted.

The Assassin.

The official interrogation of Haas took place in the courtroom a few moments after the wounded prosecutor had been removed to a hospital. The prisoner was seated on the edge of a table and at times his wandering gaze fell on the pools of blood on the floor, where Heney had reclined.

There were present as interrogators: Chief of Police Biggy, Capt. Duke and Detective Burns.

In his answers Haas seemed at times wandering and somewhat incoherent. Time and time again his mind reverted to the exposure brought about by the prosecution and while he several times expressed regret at what had occurred, at other points in the inquisition he spoke of the shooting as a matter decided upon and to be accepted as a matter of course.

Where Bullet Struck.

Mr. Heney was shot in the right side of the head. The bullet entered half an inch in front of the right ear, ranged downward and is lodged somewhere in the muscles on the left side of the neck. In the opinion of the doctors, his constitution is sufficiently strong to add to his chance of recovery.

Haas, who did the shooting, was last night confined in the county jail at Ingleside. Abraham Ruel, ordered into custody by Judge Lawlor immediately after the shooting, is also a temporary prisoner in the jail, having been locked up in the fear that he might be made the victim of renewed violence from some excited and unexpected quarter.

The police are convinced that Haas had planned carefully the attack on Heney's life. Haas held the weapon within a few inches of Heney's head when he fired and it is the danger of

Morris Haas Shoots Himself With Pistol He Had Concealed in Shoe When Arrested.

SUICIDE OCCURRED AT 8:40 P. M.

Haas Went to Bed With His Shoes on Friday Night and Again Last Night Asserting That he Preferred to Sleep That Way

WAS SEARCHED BY DETECTIVE AND POLICE

Haas' Clothes Were Searched After Suicide And a Cartridge of the Same Calibre as Derringer With Which he Shot Himself Found—Differs From Calibre of Pistol Used in Assault—Is To Be Thoroughly Investigated

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—Morris Haas, who yesterday attempted the assassination of Francis J. Heney, tonight committed suicide by shooting himself through the middle of the forehead, using a pistol he had concealed in his shoe. Haas went to bed at 8 o'clock in the county jail and covered his face with a blanket. At 8:40 a shot was heard and when the guards entered it was found that he had rolled out of bed and was lying dead on the floor, with a bullet hole in his forehead, a .41 calibre single shot Derringer was grasped in his hand. His left trouser leg was pulled up, and an examination showed a mark on the leg where the weapon had rested while concealed in his left shoe. Haas wore gaiters with elastic sides which made this possible. After he had shot Heney yesterday Haas was searched by Captain Duke, Detective Burns and a police officer. After he was taken to the county jail he was searched again, but at neither time were his shoes examined. Haas went to bed last night with his shoes on and again tonight and when asked why he did this he said he would rather sleep with them on. His wife called on him today, but two officers were present at the interview and they say she could not possibly have slipped the weapon to him.

District Attorney Langdon, Detective Burns, and Rudolph Spreckels on arrival at the county jail after the suicide of Haas searched his clothing and in one of the pockets of his trousers found a cartridge of the same calibre as the Derringer with which he shot himself. The weapon Haas used on Heney was a .38 calibre and the cartridges found in his pocket could not have been used in that. Burns said that Haas was thoroughly searched when taken in the courtroom and also when received at the county jail and that the cartridge and Derringer could not have been on his person. It is Burns' opinion that the pistol was passed to Haas since his arrest.

Two stories are told of an interview between Haas and his wife, one that Haas talked to her through the cell door and the other that they went into another room. A rigid investigation is to be made.

blood poison resulting from powder burns or other matter in the wound that is most feared.

Prior to his committal to San Quentin prison in 1888 Haas was given employment as a traveling salesman by Schlessinger & Green, wholesale cigar dealers of this city. On his first trip he was given accounts aggregating \$3,000 for collection and the testimony showed that he turned in but two fictitious orders. The collection of \$275 in San Bernardino, Cal., for which no accounting was ever made, led to a warrant for his arrest on a charge of embezzlement. Haas had disappeared before the embezzlement became known and was arrested nearly a year later in Philadelphia. While he at first contended that he was entitled to the use of his collections in order to cover expenses, he pleaded guilty in the superior court and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Call for Justice.

Prominent citizens and attorneys of the city gathered last night at a meeting where spirited addresses were delivered calling upon the public to protect the cause of justice. The outcome was a call for a mass meeting to be held to-night

Dreamland Pavilion. The call is as follows:

"To the Citizens of San Francisco: Francis J. Heney has fallen by the hand of an assassin, shot from behind while fighting at his post in the cause of justice for the people of this city. He would be the first man to appeal to the call of the citizens to preserve order and proceed only by the processes of law, to look not for vengeance, but to demand swift justice through the courts. We make this same appeal.

"The prosecution will proceed. We are assured that the trial of Abraham Ruel will continue tomorrow and Monday morning without interruption.

"The Citizens League of Justice calls upon the citizens of San Francisco to lend their aid to the cause of justice and to that end a mass meeting of citizens is hereby called for Saturday evening, November 14, at Dreamland Rink, at 8 o'clock. We call upon every citizen to be present. (Signed)

The Citizens League of Justice. Hiram Johnson and Matt I. Sullivan, two of the attorneys who spoke at the gathering last night, announced that they had offered their

services to the district attorney as substitutes for Mr. Heney. While moderation was counseled by all the speakers, there were, at the outset unmistakable expressions of hostility to the courts and predictions that Haas could not lack aid in his defense. Former Mayor James D. Phelan charged directly that the crime must have been inspired.

Rudolph Spreckels, the millionaire banker, who financed the prosecution of the supervisors and Ruel, and who has been in frequent attendance at the trials, said:

"It is time that drastic measures were used to suppress the reign of lawlessness."

Was Deed Inspired?

Morris Haas, the man who shot Heney, is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and has resided here since 1876. He is 48 years of age and for nearly 10 years, or ever since his release from the penitentiary, where he served a two-year sentence for embezzlement of his employer's funds, he has been engaged in the retail liquor business. In the course of a lengthy statement made to the police after his arrest, the prisoner declared: "Heney pronounced his own death sentence that moment he denounced

me in the court." This, as far as appears from the facts now made public, appears to be the attitude of Haas. He alludes constantly to the shame and disgrace he has experienced since Heney, several weeks ago, confronted him as he sat in the jury box before a crowded courtroom with a photograph of himself in convict's stripes. He has expressed a desire to be shot or hanged for what he has done; he has accounted for his movements of yesterday in a more or less straightforward manner and he has steadfastly declared that no one except himself, knew of his preconceived determination to slay the man who had exposed his sins of the past. No effort was made in the statement as made public to associate any other person with Haas attempt, but it is believed that the prisoner, in the seclusion of the county jail, was during the early hours of the morning, subjected to a more rigorous examination.

Details of Tragedy.

Frequently since the earthquake and fire of 1906 have the people of San Francisco been startled by revelations and developments in the tangled maze of the prosecutions for bribery and corruption that followed the sudden overthrow of Abraham Ruel and the hoodling supervisors of the Mayor Schmitz regime, but never has the city been more profoundly stirred than by the attempted assassination late yesterday afternoon of Francis J. Heney, the special assistant of the district attorney's office, who was shot and seriously wounded in the courtroom by Morris Haas, an ex-convict, resident in this city, whose past record Heney exposed a few weeks ago after Haas had qualified as a juror to pass upon the guilt or innocence of Ruel, now in the midst of his third trial for bribery.

Early today Mr. Heney was sleeping soundly in the Lane hospital, where he was taken after preliminary treatment had been given in the city hospital. The last statement issued by his physicians declare that the patient "has a good chance to recover."

The gravest danger appears to be from bloodpoisoning and today an effort will be made to locate the bullet and the exact course of the wound.

Haas first described his movements yesterday. He told of a trip to the auditor where he received and cashed a warrant which he received as a juror, next going to see a friend. He next went to a saloon on Fillmore street, where he had two glasses of beer and then went to a nickelodeon where he remained to see several sets of moving pictures.

He then went home remaining there until half an hour before the shooting, when he walked to the courtroom.

Haas was questioned closely about his possession of the revolver with which the shooting was done and of a number of extra cartridges found in his pocket. He said that he had owned the revolver since 1901; that it had been in his pocket since Thursday and that he had carried it since 1901.

Concerning his attempt upon the life of Mr. Heney Haas continually made reference to the disgrace of his exposure by the prosecution and his answers conveyed the idea that he brooded over the public references to his past life to a considerable degree. Some of the replies were as follows:

"What was your reason for shooting Mr. Heney?" he was asked.

"Just for humanity's sake."

"Why did you not shoot Ruel for humanity's sake?"

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SAN FRANCISCO IS STIRRED

Monster Mass Meeting of Citizens Held.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Between Eight and Ten Thousand People Attend.—Leading Citizens Speak.

MODERATION IS COUNSELLED

Detail of Police Officers on Hand to Preserve Order—Telegrams From President Roosevelt to Mr. Heney and Rudolph Spreckels Are Read.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—A monster mass meeting was held to-night and between eight and ten thousand people participated. The meeting was presided over by Mayor Taylor and speeches were made by a number of leading citizens counseling moderation and the observance of legal methods and asking that full support be given the prosecution in the conduct of the graft cases. Resolutions were passed as follows:

"That here and now we declare our unwavering allegiance to the law and that if the criminal law be found to be so framed as to permit of the escape of any civic malefactor we shall see to it that the law is amended; that if a lax administration of the criminal law be due to misinterpretation by the judges, we shall see to it that men will be placed upon the bench capable of construing the law.

Be it further resolved, that we call upon the supervisors to provide adequate funds for the district attorney's office to secure the detection, prosecution and conviction of criminals high or low, and the full protection of officers in the discharge of their duties.

"Be it further resolved, that we demand the truth from our public press and shall see to it that our people are informed of facts that they may judge of those who by lying and misrepresentation are perverting public opinions?

"Be it further resolved, that we solemnly assert our utmost confidence in the law-abiding character of our people; that we herein declare our gratitude for the inestimable service rendered us by the office of district attorney in the restoration of reputable and responsible government; that we stand firm in our determination to endorse and to aid that office to the end that all persons accused of crime shall be fairly tried and that their guilt or innocence may be finally established in accordance with the provisions of the law.

"To these ends we pledge ourselves, that our beloved city may be purged of hoodlars and grafters and be a better home for ourselves and our children.

"Be it further resolved, that we send word to our would-be champion that his labors for us are appreciated." (Continued on page 6)